

REMARKS

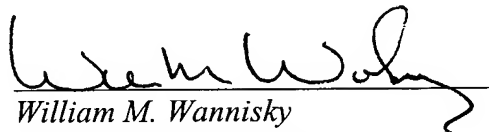
Claims 1 and 3 through 19 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim present in the application. Claims 1 and 3 through 19 heretofore on file were allowed prior to filing of a Request for Continued Examination on even date.

Claims 1 and 6 through 8 have been amended to even more succinctly claim the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments do not affect the allowability of the claims and that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration and entry hereof are earnestly solicited.

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